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1. ROK AND US SOFA JOINT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES
SIGNED RECOMMENDATION OF AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON
ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS IN DUTY-FREE GOODS AS AN EXIGENT
ACTION ON 19 MAY 1975 AS SCHEDULED. IMPLEMENTATION
BEGAN 20 MAY WHEN ALL USFK COMMISSARIES, POST EXCHANGES,
BEVERAGE STORES, AND CLASS VI OUTLETS WERE CLOSED.
COLLECTION OF DEPENDENTS' RATION CONTROL PLATS
COMMENCED ON 20 MAY AND ACTION PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY
TO DISTRIBUTE MODIFIED PLATES TO AUTHORIZED DEPENDENTS.

2. INITIAL AMERICAN AND KOREAN REACTIONS T JOINT
COMMITTEE DECISION GENERALLY FAVORABLE BOTH WITHIN
USFK AND IN THE ROK. MAJORITY OF USFK DEPENDENTS
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WELCOME ACTION AS TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE IN DEALING

WITH DIFFICULT SITUATION WHICH AMERICAN AND KOREAN
AUTHORITIES AND MAJORITY OF USFK DEPENDENTS FELT WAS
INCREASINGLY INTOLERABLE. ALTHOUGH THE DEPENDENTS
EXCLUDED FROM DIRECT ACCESS TO USFK COMMISSARIES AND
NAF FACILITIES AND THEIR SPONSORS ARE NATURALLY
DISAPPOINTED AND SOME LIKELY VOICE OBJECTIONS, THE OVERALL
EFFECT OF THIS ACTION IS EXPECTED TO BE FAVORABLE FOR KOREAN-
AMERICAN RELATIONS.
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